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National Afforestation Programme
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the National Afforestation Programme to revive the shrinking forest area in the country;
(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof, along with the shortcomings detected in its implementation;
(c) the total forest area revived/replanted till date since the introduction of the said programme along with the expenditure incurred thereon; and
(d) the strategies formulated by the Government for the conservation, management and development of forests in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (b) Yes, Sir. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) has been reviewed. It is being implemented since 2010-11 under the revised guidelines which interalia addresses the concern of forest cover by the use of Quality Planting Material (QPM). The programme is monitored by Remote Sensing & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) using geo-coordinates of NAP plantations and also their periodic independent evaluation.

(c) An area of over 21 lakh hectares has been sanctioned for plantation with an expenditure of about Rs.3650 crore under the programme since 2000-2001.

(d) Besides NAP, Ministry is implementing Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS) for effective forest protection &management and also launched National Mission for a Green India (GIM) envisaging to plant and improve 2.8 million hectares of degraded forests, Nagar Van Udyan Yojna (NVUJ) to create forest parks in 200 cities and initiated plantation programmes in partnership with Railways, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and under Namami Gange Yojana (NGY). Afforestation and forest development is a cross-sectoral activity taken up under various other Central and especially State Sector Schemes. All these concerted strategies have resulted in an increase of over 2.4 million hectares of forest cover in the country during past one and half decade.

The CAMPA Bill is also with the Parliament which envisages release of about Rs. 40,000 crores of CAMPA corpus fund to the States to give a massive thrust to the afforestation, conservation and development of the forests in the country

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